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Whereunto is added the said Petition and Remonstrance of the said Bishops.

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Wherunto is added the Bill Petition and Protestation.

THe House of the Lords was pleased, on the 30th. of *December*, to send a Message to the House of Commons by Sir Jo. Banks, and Judge Reeves, to desire a present Conference, by a Committee of both Houses, touching matters of dangerous and high consequence.

And at the Conference, the Lord Keeper, in the name of the House of Peeres delivered, as followeth:

That this Petition and Protestation of the 12. Bishops, containing matters of high and dangerous consequence, and such as my Lords are very sensible of, and such as require a speedy and sudden Resolution; it extending to the deepe entrenching upon the Fundamentall Priviledges and being of Parliament.

Therefore the Lords have thought fit, that this matter, concerning the whole Parliament, may be communicated to the House of Commons; it being a thing of so great and so generall Concernment.

This being thus communicated to the House of Commons, they came to this Resolution,

To accuse these 12 Bishops of high Treason, for endeavouring to subvert the Fundamentall Laws and Being of Parliaments.

And Master *Glynne* was ordered to goe to the Lords, and at their Bar, in the name of the house of Commons, and all the Commons of *England*, to accuse these 12 Prelates of high Treason, for endeavouring to subvert the Fundamentall Laws of the Realme, and the very Being of Parliaments, manifested by preferring that Petition and Protestation; And to desire the Lords that they may be forthwith sequestred from Parliament, and put into safe Custody; and that their Lordships would appoint a speedy day for the Commons to charge them, and they to answere, for that the Commons were ready to make good their Charge.

He was further ordered to give the Lords thanks for communicating this Petition, with so much affection and speed; and for expressing their sense thereof.

After Master *Glyn* had delivered this at the Bar, the Lords sent the Black Rod instantly, to finde out these Bishops, and apprehend them: and by 8 of the Clock at night, they were all taken and brought upon their knees to the Barre, and 10 of them committed to the Tower; and two (in regard of their Age, and indeed of the worthy parts of one of them, the learned Bishop of *Durham*) were committed to the Black Rod.

TO

To the Kings most excelleent Majesty, and the the Lords and Peeres now assembled in *Parliament*.

The humble Petition and Protestation of all the Bishops and Prelates now called by his Majesties Writts to attend the *Parliament*, and present about *London* and *Westminster*, for that Service.

THat whereas the Petitioners are called up by several & respective Writs, and under great penalties, to attend in *Parliament*, and have a cleare and indubitate Right to Vote in Bills, and other matters whatsoever, debateable in Parliament, by the ancient Customes, Laws, and Statutes of this Realm, and ought to be protected by your Majesty, quietly to attend and prosecute that great Service.

They humbly remonstrate & protest before God, your Majesty, & the Noble Lords & Peers now assembled in Parliament, that as they have an indubitate right to sit & Vote in the house of Lords, so are they (if they may be protected from force & violence) most

most ready and willing to performe their Duties accordingly. And that they doe abhominate all Actions or Opinions, tending to Popery, and the maintenance thereof; as also, all propension and inclination to any malignant party, or any other side or party whatsoever, to the which their owne Reasons and Consciences shall not move them to adhere.

But whereas they have beene at severall times violently Menaced, Affronted and Assaulted by multitudes of people, in their comming to performe their Services in that Honourable House; and lately chased away, and put in danger of their lives, and can finde no redresse or protection, upon sundry complaints made to both Houses in these particulars.

They likewise humbly protest before your Majestie, and the Noble House of Peers, That saving unto themselves all their Rights and Interests of Sitting and Voting in that House at other times, they dare not Sit or Vote in the House of Peers, untill your Majesty shall further secure them from all Affronts, Indignities and dangers in the premisses.

Lastly, whereas their feares are not built upon Phantasies and Conceipts, but upon such Grounds and Objects, as may well terrifie men of good Resolutions, and much Constancie. They doe in all dutie and humilitie, protest before your Majesty, and the Peers of that most Honourable House of Parliament,

Parliament, againſt all Lawes, Orders, Votes, Reſolutions, and Determinations, as in themſelves Null, and of none effect; which in their abſence, ſince the 27. of this inſtant Moneth of *December*, 1641. have alreadie paſſed; as likewiſe againſt all ſuch as ſhall hereafter paſſe in that moſt Honourable Houſe, during the time of this their forced and violent abſence from the ſaid moſt Honourable Houſe; not denying, but if their abſenting of themſelves were wilfull and voluntary, that moſt Honourable Houſe might proceed in all theſe premiſſes, their abſence, or this their Proteſtation notwithſtanding.

And humbly beſeeching your moſt Excellent Majeſtie to command the Clerk of that Houſe of Peers, to enter this their Petition and Proteſtation amongſt his Records.

They will ever pray to God to bleſſe and preſerve, &c.

Io. Eborac.	Geo. Hereford.
Thomas Dureſme.	Rob. Oxon.
Rob. Co. Lich.	Mat. Ely.
Joſ. Norwich.	Godfr. Glouc.
Io. Aſaphen.	Io. Peterburg.
Guil. Ba. & Wells.	Mor. Llandaff.

Vera Copia. Jo. Browne, *Cleric. Parliament.*

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